

Appropriations & Finance Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 14, 2007

Call to Order: 1:40 p.m.

Roll Call: Tribal Councilor Rita Shananaquet, Tribal Treasurer Shirley Oldman  
Absent: Tribal Councilor Alice Yellowbank-excused.

Attendance: Legislative Leader Beatrice Law, Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie, Vice-Chairman Bill Denemy, Tribal Council Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima, Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount, Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Oldman to approve the agenda as amended for February 14, 2007.

Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 1-absent (Councilor Yellowbank)

Motion Carried

Space costs were given by Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie regarding the Tribal Court budget.

Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Oldman to approve the minutes as corrected for February 04, 2007.

2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 1-absent (Councilor Yellowbank)

Motion Carried

Treasurer Oldman asked Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey what the Election Board is looking at regarding their budget and asked if they have enough money for their meetings.

Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey said yes, there will not be as many voter registration drives as last year.

Treasurer Oldman asked if the Election Board will have enough money for postage.

Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey indicated no as the contractual costs line item could cover that.

Councilor Shananaquet asked Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey if the Board planned for unexpected costs.

Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey said no unforeseen costs at this point and if anything came up such as a recall, they would come back to Tribal Council for the additional funding.

1 Treasurer Oldman asked Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey how much money  
2 a referendum would cost.

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4 Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey responded with \$11,000- \$15,000.

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6 Treasurer Oldman asked about updating software and if updating would be necessary.

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8 Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey did not foresee any updates for 2008.

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10 Treasurer Oldman said she was glad to see fringe added to their budget.

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12 Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie said they only pay mandatory fringe which is  
13 FICA and Medicare of \$7.65%.

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15 Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey said consultant costs include 2 mailings,  
16 printing, and mailing machine plus software for the Annual Community meeting.

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18 Treasurer Oldman asked how many meetings the board will have.

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20 Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey said 2 per month.

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22 Tribal Council Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima asked what the savings are without having  
23 to have the primary.

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25 Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey answered \$13,000.

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27 Treasurer Oldman thinks the budget is good and just a little bit low.

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29 Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey said there is be less travel anticipated. The  
30 more registered voters, the less mailing needed. Denise also asked what if Tribal Council  
31 had no money down the road to allocate should the Election Board find they need it.

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33 Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie replied funding would be found as duties of the  
34 Election Board are mandated in the Constitution.

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36 Tribal Council Secretary Melvin L. Kiogima asked if the registered voters list is available  
37 to the public.

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39 Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey answered-yes, but so far it is not a  
40 published item.

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42 Treasurer Oldman asked how often it is updated and the costs of the update.

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44 Election Board Chairperson Denise Petoskey: updated every few days as they receive  
45 new registrants. She and Election Board member Marty Van De Car do not charge for  
46 time regarding this process as it does not make sense and would cost thousands of dollars.

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2 Election Board budget review was complete. Election Board Chairperson Denise  
3 Petoskey left the meeting.

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5 Treasurer Oldman asked when the Tribal Council budget came to Tribal Council.

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7 Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount said it was sent to Tribal Council prior to  
8 submitting to the Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie and Tribal Council motioned  
9 to accept it.

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11 Legislative Office Manager Michele LaCount provided Treasurer Oldman with a copy of  
12 the compensation law governing appellate pay, and explained the breakdown of it.

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14 Tribal Court Budget: Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie will reduce capital  
15 equipment request by \$7,500 and verify wages and rates due to recent changes in staff.

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17 The request for additional clerk was left in budget. All other line items are unchanged.  
18 Val will bring updated back to next committee meeting.

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20 Appellate Court: Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie regarding \$27,600 for travel  
21 related costs, and meetings.

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23 Treasurer Oldman recommends stipends above annual salary of \$5,400 reduced to \$6,000  
24 per justice and travel and mileage reduced to \$14,400 total. Registrations reduced to \$400  
25 per Justice and travel related to registrations reduced to \$1,000 per Justice.

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27 Net changes show approximate budget is \$54,291, down from the requested \$99,868.  
28 Chief Financial Officer Valerie Tweedie will recalculate on the spread sheet and bring  
29 back number to next meeting.

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31 The Committee reviewed the Constitutional requirements of the Appellate.

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33 3:33 p.m. recess called  
34 \_\_\_\_ p.m meeting reconvened

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36 Per Treasurer Oldman the Tribal Council budget will be the topic of the next meeting.

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38 4:07 p.m. Motion made by Councilor Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Oldman to  
39 adjourn.

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41 Councilor Shananaquet returned and discussion was held regarding the Policy Analyst  
42 position in the Tribal Chairman budget. Councilor Shananaquet state that Tribal Council  
43 needs an analyst. It was discussed if the legislative Services Attorney could do it. Some  
44 said no-different skills needed for that type of work.